

Armed Robbers Invade Church, Kill Pastors

Dare-devil armed robbers yesterday morning besieged Salem City in Warri, the headquarters of God's Kingdom Society

(GKS), killing two ministers of the church, a laity member and a security guard. A statement issued by the

Publicity Secretary of GKS, Mr. Benedict Hart stated that over 15 heavily armed robbers invaded the expansive compound

around 2 a.m., shooting indiscriminately and robbing residents of various blocks of the compound. In the process, two minis-

ters of the church, (names withheld) and a middle aged male member, who came in to spend the night as a guest in one of the

blocks in the compound were killed. Wife of a senior minister of the church received head injuries from shrap-

nel that flew in different directions, as the robbers, in an attempt to gain entry, blasted her room key with their gun.

The robbers were said to have raided the houses of eight of the residents and were insistently asking for money. Pleas from the residents that the ministers had no money to give, as they were not paid salaries fell on deaf ears.

The victims were forced to part with their valu-

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South South Governors Served Fake Drinks

From Willie Etim, Yenagoa

A LEADING supermarket in Bayelsa State was yesterday alleged to have sold fake drinks for the entertainment of South-South governors during a meeting.

The state governor, Timipre Sylva subsequently ordered the immediate closure of the supermarket.

Officials of the State Security Services (SSS) arrested the manager of the supermarket yesterday morning.

It was alleged that drinks for the entertainment of the South-South governors, including those of Bayelsa (the host), Rivers, Delta, Edo and Cross Rivers with their entourage who were in Yenagoa, for a meeting

were bought from the supermarket located along the Mbiama/Yenagoa Expressway, Yenagoa.

According to the Chief of Staff, Bayelsa State Government House, Mr. Samuel Ogbuku, who disclosed this to reporters who were in his office on a courtesy visit yesterday the incident forced the governor to order the closure of the affected supermarket, while investigation into the matter was still on.

He said the alcoholic drinks included Crystal and Hennessey, saying they discovered that they were fake. "The situation in which we found ourselves yesterday during a meeting of the South-South governors was very embarrassing; we discov-

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ables, including cash, handsets, jewelry, and wristwatches.

The robbers reportedly left at around 4.15 a.m. through the fence at the back of the church compound, having cut the spiral wire used to secure the concrete wall between GKS and neighbouring College of Commerce, Warri.

The police later arrived at the scene and immediately began investigations into the incident.

The bodies of the deceased were later taken to the mortuary, while the injured were receiving treatment at an undisclosed.

Meanwhile, Salem City wore a mournful look yesterday, as members of the church and sympathisers trooped in to commiserate with the victims.

Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan, in a telephone call to GKS President, Mr. O. E. Aighalua, expressed his condolences and sympathised with the church over the incident.

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